

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 (Currently Amended). ~~A Method~~ method of producing an agglomerated, free-flowing product selected from the group consisting of isomaltulose, isomalt ~~and~~ and/or an isomalt variant, wherein a solution or suspension containing at least one product selected from the group consisting of isomaltulose, isomalt, ~~or~~ and an isomalt variant is sprayed with a supply of dry air into a powder selected from the group consisting of isomaltulose, isomalt, ~~and~~ and/or an isomalt variant, and the resulting agglomerated product is subjected to a secondary drying and cooling, and an agglomerated free-flowing product is obtained.

2 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to Claim 1, wherein secondary crystallization takes place following cooling of the secondary dried product.

3 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein at least a portion of the resulting agglomerated free-flowing product is ground following the cooling or secondary crystallization.

4 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to Claim 3, wherein a portion of the ground powder is introduced back into the process ~~according to Claim 1, 2 or 3~~ in the form of an educt.

5 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the solution or suspension ~~containing the isomaltulose, isomalt and/or isomalt variants~~ has a dry solids content of 30 wt% to 70 wt%.

6 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the solution or suspension ~~containing the isomaltulose, isomalt and/or isomalt variants~~ has a temperature of 50° Celsius to 90° Celsius.

7 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the solution or suspension ~~containing the isomaltulose, isomalt and/or isomalt variants~~ is sprayed into the powder at a spray pressure of 100 bar to 200 bar.

8 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the powder has a particle size of 50  $\mu\text{m}$  to 400  $\mu\text{m}$ .

9 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the quantity ratio of powder to educt solution or suspension amounts to 1:1 to 3.5:1.

10 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to ~~one of the preceding~~  
~~claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the drying air has a temperature of 120° Celsius to 180°  
Celsius.

11 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to ~~one of the preceding~~  
~~claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the secondary drying and cooling take place with a supply of air  
at a temperature of 20° Celsius to 80° Celsius.

12 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to ~~one of the preceding~~  
~~claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the secondary drying and cooling take place over a period of 10  
to 30 minutes.

13 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to ~~one of the preceding~~  
~~claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the secondary crystallization takes place over a period of one  
to four hours.

14 (Currently Amended). ~~The Method~~ method according to ~~one of the preceding~~  
~~claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the solution or suspension containing the isomaltulose, isomalt  
or an isomalt variant together with additives, auxiliary substances, active ingredients,  
parting compounds, lubricants, flavorings, sweeteners, food-compatible acids,  
disintegrants or coloring agents is spray dried.

15 (Currently Amended). An Agglomerate agglomerate producible according to ~~one of~~ the ~~methods~~ method of any one of the preceding claims.

16 (Currently Amended). The Method method of producing a compressed product, wherein a method is carried out according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 14~~ Claim 1, and the resulting agglomerate is pressed to form a compressed product.

17 (Currently Amended). The Method method according to Claim 16, wherein additives, auxiliary substances, active ingredients, parting compounds, lubricants, flavorings, sweeteners, food-compatible acids, disintegrants or coloring agents are added to the agglomerate before pressing.

18 (Currently Amended). A Compressed compressed product producible according to one of the ~~methods~~ method of ~~Claims~~ Claim 16 or 17.